GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:129
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2016
Women Sportspersons
Meghwal Shri Arjun Ram

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the women belonging to the North Eastern States of the country have given a special identity to the country in the field of sports;
(b) if so, the details of the schemes implemented by the Government to encourage women sportspersons from the region;
(c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to identify and hone the talents of women sportspersons in rural areas of North-Eastern States; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 129 FOR ANSWER ON 03.05.2016 REGARDING WOMEN SPORTSPERSONS ASKED BY SHRI ARJUN MEGHWEAL, HON'BLE MP
(a) and (b) : Yes, Madam. Women sportspersons from North Eastern States have made the country proud by winning a number of medals in international sports events including mega Sports events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.
All schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are equally applicable to women sportspersons from North East States.
(c) and (d) : Under the sports promotional schemes of SAI, the talented sports persons including young women athletes are identified by the Regional Centres in Guwahati and Imphal based on the scheme selection criteria by organizing talent scouting programme in all the North Eastern States. Majority of the women trainees selected under SAI schemes come from the rural population of the North Eastern Region.
Moreover, the Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme of SAI primarily aims to identify potential sports persons including women athletes from the backward, tribal, hilly, coastal and rural areas of the country. There are 08 Special Area Games Centres presently operational in the North Eastern States to identify the talented sports persons including women athletes from the region.
To strengthen the ongoing schemes of SAI in the North Eastern States, the proposal to establish two new SAG Centres at New Lamka, Churachandpur (Manipur) and Solalgaon, North Lakhimpur (Assam) have already been approved by the Governing Body of SAI.
With the financial assistance from Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Rs. 3.54 crores, Ms. Marykom, eminent boxer
from the State of Manipur has established Boxing Academy at Imphal and SAI has signed an agreement with the Marykom Academy to promote boxing in the region.
Comprehensive data relating to women sportspersons from tribal and rural area is not maintained. However, number of women trainees at SAI Centres in North eastern States are given in Annexure.
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